

NORTHEAST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD -OHSAA  
Akron/Fairlawn Holiday Inn

Monday March 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Rocco Nero @ 400p.

Attending the meeting—

Brian Banfield	AA	Rep
Rich Berlin	7/8	Rep
Jim Borchik,	AAA	Rep
Jeffrey Cassella	AAA	Rep
Andy Jalwan	AA	Rep {Excused}
Rocco Nero,	A	Rep
William Nye	A	Rep
Rhonda Rickelman	Fem	Rep
Phil Stevens	Eth. Min.-	Rep

Secretary-- Larry Acker

Treasurer-- Mark McGuire

There was a motion by Jim Borchik seconded by Phil Stevens to approve the meeting agenda.

Motion passed 8-0.

It was reported by Secretary Larry Acker that a note of confirmation was received via e-mail earlier today from OHSAA Associate Commissioner of Operations, Bob Goldring that Rhonda Rickelman's change of employment/position—from Athletic Director at Magnificat (Rocky River) High School to Director of Auxiliary Services at Gilmour Academy (Gates Mills)—qualifies her to continue in her current position as the Female Representative on the Northeast District Athletic Board. Congratulations Rhonda, on your new position !

There was a motion by Bill Nye seconded by Rich Berlin to approve the minutes of the previous-{1/14/15}- meeting. Motion carried 8-0.

State Board of Directors Representative Dr. William R. Nye, Jr., reviewed notes/minutes from State Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2015. Brief discussion followed on several meeting highlights with follow up discussions to take place at the All District Boards Meeting scheduled during the Boys State Basketball Tournament on March 27, 2015. The State Board will also meet during the State Boys Tournament with the next regular meeting set for April 16, 2015. Thank You, Dr, Nye for your reporting and sharing of pertinent information with the District Board.

Treasurer Mark McGuire presented a summary listing/report of the Northeast District Board's monthly balances for August 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 plus monthly balances for the 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 school years and through January of the 2014-15 school year. Winter Tourney Financial reports are coming in for Bowling, Gymnastics and Swimming/Diving. The Board reviewed the monthly summary reports and discussed the importance of arranging/developing a plan to get money back to the member schools in the future. The Northeast District checking account balance as of 1/31/15 was \$538,303.26. The Board thanked Treasurer McGuire for his work and report.

There was a motion by Rich Berlin and seconded by Jeff Cassella to approve the Financial Reports as presented and the payment of the Bills. Motion passed 8-0.

The District Athletic Board Review Committee met on January 30, 2015. NED Representative, Jim Borchik attended and e-mailed a detailed report to the NED Board members following the meeting.

Jim noted in particular that Dr. Ross spent time with the Committee reflecting over the past 10 years on how the culture has changed throughout the OHSAA and the importance of keeping things relevant in charting the future of High School Athletics in Ohio. Thank You Jim for your detailed follow up reports of the DAB Review Committee Meetings !

Finance Committee Chairman Rocco Nero Reported on the meeting of the Northeast District Athletic Board Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday, January 19, 2015 at.—Mrs. Yoder's Restaurant in Middlefield, OH. Committee discussed/reviewed the following:

- NEDAB Budget—Treasurer to develop and present to Board for review & approval.
- Discussed and reviewed NEDAB bank account balance and developing a plan to get money back to the member schools.
- Treasurer to provide monthly balance composite along with bill payment listing.
- Committee needs to plan—schedule tournament audits periodically

The Northeast District Officials Committee—Chairman Phil Stevens once again-- “Thanked” ; All who are helping or have helped with the officials assigning process !

Paul Powers, NED Officials' Assignment Coordinator has set the work session dates for Spring Sports—Mondays March 16, 23 & 30, 2015 at Roby Lee's Restaurant in Newton Falls. Meeting times are 9a. to 3p. Thanks Especially To NED Administrator of Officials—Ron Knight; all Former Board Members in addition to Fred Vicarel, who have been very helpful assisting with this process !

Tournament Committee Chairman , Rich Berlin presented the following items pertaining to winter tournament operations:

- Discussion about online seeding and the problem of schools not voting, penalty options.
- Discussion on wrestling sectionals and concerns among Coaches on parity—{# of wrestlers in each sectional} across the District in the D-3 Sectionals.
- Tourney Committee Reviewed/Updated Tourney Manager Guidelines for Spring—2015.
  - Rich Berlin and Jeff Cassella; Met-- Reviewed and Updated---
  - Treasurer McGuire To Verify Financial—Fees--
    - { Rhonda Rickelman has agreed to get them in a Word Document}-Thanks Rhonda !
- The Tourney Committee will meet on Tuesday April 14, 2015, 4p. Applebee's--Macedonia
- Secretary will send a special note of Appreciation/Thanks to Fran Miller for her extended effort/work in rescheduling Bowling Tournaments due to weather issues.

There was a motion by Jeff Cassella and seconded by Bill Nye to approve the updated Spring Sports Tournament Manager Guidelines pending any final verification on or before March 20, 2015, so Spring Sports Manager Information Packets can be prepared/processed for the upcoming meetings—March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed 8-0

It was suggested if anyone had any Media—a broadcast or print media-- Award nominees for-2015, please submit their name along with a brief letter of accomplishments/contributions In serving interscholastic sports to the Secretary. The Board may select two award recipients.

There being no further business for transaction at this time , there was a motion by Brian Banfield and seconded by Rich Berlin to adjourn the meeting @ 5:25p.Motion passed 8-0.

President Nero Commended and Thanked The Board Members For All You Do !

Next Northeast District Regular Meeting—Monday May 11 ,2015  
Akron/Fairlawn Holiday Inn 4073 Medina Road, 1-77 At Route 18  
Akron,Ohio 44333

Respectfully Submitted By Larry Acker , Secretary